

Cedar Falls student's artwork will hang in U.S. Capitol

Washington, DC - Congressman Bruce Braley (D-Iowa) visited Cedar Falls High School today to announce the First District winner of the Congressional Art Competition. Braley visited winner Emily Schroeder's art class to announce her piece was chosen out of dozens of entries and will hang in the United States Capitol for one year. Schroeder, a sophomore at Cedar Falls High School, also received an invitation to a reception in Washington, D.C., and the chance to see her artwork on display in the United States Capitol.

"This award is a testament to Emily's impressive talent and creativity," Braley said. "This competition is an excellent opportunity to recognize young people in the district who excel in artistic fields. For the next year, as visitors, employees and elected officials pass through the Capitol, they will be able to enjoy Emily's outstanding artwork. I'm proud to congratulate her today and can't wait for her to visit us in Washington, DC."

An Artistic Discovery, the annual Congressional Art Competition, is open to all high school students. One winner is selected from each participating district. Four finalists were selected and their artwork will be displayed in Braley's office in Washington D.C. The six semi-finalists' work will be displayed in Braley's Iowa district offices.

A photo of Braley, Schroeder, finalists Jordyn Carias and Elena Houseal, and their teacher Lisa Klenske is attached.

Finalists

Jordyn Carias, 11th grade, Cedar Falls HS

Elena Houseal, 12th grade, Cedar Falls HS

Emily Halbach, 9th grade, Janesville Consolidated School District

Selina Klounlo, 12 grade, Davenport North HS

Semi Finalists

Karen Krueger, 12th grade, Davenport West HS

Jordan Eaton, 10th grade, Davenport North HS

Josh Dang, 11th grade, Davenport North HS

Jeff Diggs, 11th grade, Davenport Central HS

Kristin Dietz, 12th grade, Davenport West HS

Tyler Halterman, 12th grade, Davenport West